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NASA Contractor Employee Pleads Guilty

On November 24, 1999, Marcum N. Nance III, a NASA contractor employee with Orbital Sciences Corp., pled guilty to one misdemeanor count of Unauthorized Use of a NASA Computer in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 799. The plea was entered in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Maryland, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Nance admitted he downloaded pornographic images from the Internet to NASA computers at GSFC. Sentencing is scheduled for March 22, 2000.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General, with assistance from the Goddard Security Office. The prosecution is being handled by Hollis R. Weisman, Assistant United States Attorney, U. S. Attorney's Office, Hyattsville, MD, (301) 344-4029.

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